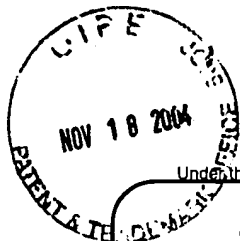


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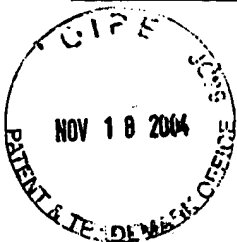
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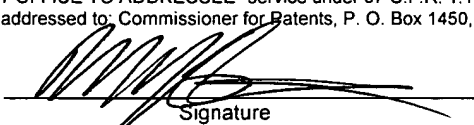
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In response to the Office Action mailed on October 27, 2004 Applicant requests the following:

TRAVERSAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that the inventions are not distinct as the Examiner argues, and therefore the Examiner will not be burdened in examining all the claims.

The Examiner argues that the inventions are distinct because they are patentably distinct. There are 2 criteria for a proper restriction requirement: 1) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and 2) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner. MPEP § 803. In this case, the inventions are not as distinct as the examiner claims. Species 1 is drawn to controlling the speed of a traveling block. Species 2 is drawn to controlling the momentum of a traveling block. Momentum and velocity are mathematically related. $\text{Momentum} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}$. Therefore, in essence, the claims of Species 2 are very similar to those of Species 1, the single exception being that Species 1 controls velocity, while Species 2 controls a mass X velocity value.

It is respectfully submitted that during the searching of the prior art for the limitations recited in the claims of the provisionally elected Species 1, the Examiner will necessarily search the classes that include Species 2. Therefore, the Examiner will not be subjected to multiple searches and thus the current situation does not constitute an undue burden for the Examiner. In view of the above arguments, Applicant requests that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn, and all the claims be examined together on the merits.

PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF SPECIES 1:

Applicant provisionally requests that the Examiner conduct the examination of the above referenced application based on Species.

Applicant requests for any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

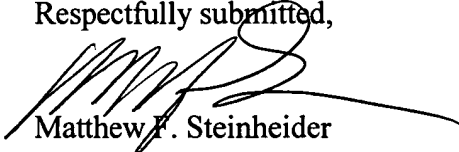
Applicant's representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 13526.0025.NPUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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In order to promote the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is authorized to contact the undersigned by electronic mail. Please address all e-mail to:
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